subject to suitable price to be settled in consultation with Ministry of Finance.

Old stock of foodgrains with FCI

515. SHRI C.O. POULOSE Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a substantial part of the foodgrains stored in FCI godowns are old stocks

(b) whether a good part of the stocks are kept in open space under polythene coverings and is getting damaged; and

(c) the details of damaged stocks as well as the steps proposed to be taken to clear old and damaged stocks of foodgrains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) FCI had about 10.89% of the available wheat stock and 4.25% of available rice stocks as on 31.05.2000 which are more than 2 years old.

(b) About 19.9% of the total stocks of foodgrains available as on 31-5-2000 have been kept under cover and plinth (CAP) storage on pucca/improvised plinths using wooden crates as dunn age and covered by LDPE covers properly lashed to protect the stocks from the vagaries of weather including rain.

(c) A statement showing region-wise/commodity-wise position of damaged foodgrains as on 31-5-2000 is enclosed (*See* below). To clear old foodgrains stocks, the Government has authorised FCI to dispose of following foodgrains through tender:—

(Figs. in lakh tonnes)

S.No.	Foodgrains	Quantity
1	2	3
1	C&D Cat. of wheat	0.30
2	Canadian Red Wheat	0.15
3	'D' category Rice	1.30

1	2	3
4.	Rice procured under relaxed specification (crop year 1997-98)	3.09
5.	Paddy of crop year 1996-97 to 1998-99	0.45

To expedite the disposal of damaged foodgrains, their formula rates have been revised as follows:

Category of damaged foodgrains	Existing Price	Revised reserve price
Feed I	3/4th (75%)	40% of CIP for APL families
Feed II	1/2 (50%)	30% of CIP for APL families
Feed III	1/4th (25%)	20% of CIP for APL families
Industrial Use	1/8th (12.5%)	10% of CIP for APL families
Manure	1/16th (6.25%)	5% of CIP for APL families

These steps may help in reducing the old stocks of foodgrains.

Statement

Region-wise Commodity-wise position of damaged foodgrains as 31.05.2000

Figures in MTs

Name of Region	Wheat	%age	Rice	%age	Paddy	%age	Others	%age	Total
East Zone									
Bihar	2211	13	15425	87	19	0	0	0	17656
Orissa	90	1	7247	99	0	0	0	0	7336
West Benga	2773	8	33488	92	1	0	0	0	36262
Zone Total	5074	8	56160	92	20	0	0	0	61254
NEF Zone									
Assam	133	15	736	85	0	0	0	0	869
NEF States	5	2	300	98	0	0	0	0	305
Zone Total	138	12	1036	88	0	0	0	0	1174
North Zone									
Delhi	201	97	7	3	0	0	0	0	208
Haryana	22	0	52121	96	2078	4	0	0	54231
Himachal Pradesh	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0
Jammu & Kashmir	0	0	240	100	0	0	0	0	240
Punjab	2842	17	3497	21	10008	61	0	0	16347

Name of Region	Wheat	%age	Rice	%age	Paddy	%age	Others	%age	Total Stock
Rajasthan	1927	98	44	2	0	0	0	0	1971
Uttar Pradesh	2627	23	8420	75	147	1	4	0	11198
Zone Total	7629	9	64329	76	12233	15	4	0	84195
South Zone									
Andhra Pradesh	126	65	44	23	24	12	0	0	194
Kerala	244	6	3670	94	0	0	0	0	3914
Karnataka	485	17	2400	83	0	0	0	0	2885
Tamil Nadu	1004	32	2179	68	0	0	0	0	3183
Zone Total	1859	18	8293	81	24	0	0	0	10176
West Zone									
Gujarat	2884	44	3683	56	0	0	0	0	6567
Maharashtra	991	11	7906	89	0	0	0	0	8897
Madhya Pradesh	795	4	17848	96	0	0	0	0	18643
Zone Total	4670	14	29437	86	0	0	0	0	34107
Country Total	19370	10	159255	83	12277	6	4	0	190906

Selling of foodgrains in open market by FCI

516. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of foodgrains sold in the open market by the Food Corporation of India in the month of March, 2000 and also a comparative statement of sales in the year 1999, month-wise;

(b) whether there is any abnormal increase in sales in the March, 2000; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) FCI has liquidated 955.63 thousand tonnes of wheat during March, 2000 under Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic) of Wheat. The month-wise lifting position of wheat during 1999 under this scheme is as follows:—

(Figures in '000 tonnes)

Month	Offtake
1	2
March, 99	96.28
April, 99	20.35